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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Examiner: M. Tung
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5 Daniel M. GORMAN, et al.) Art Unit: 1644
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Serial No.: 09/989,362)
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For: MAMMALIAN CELL SURFACE)
ANTIGENS; RELATED)
REAGENTS)
Palo Alto, California 94304
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Honorable Sir:

Prior to receipt of any written Office Action on this case,
Applicants file the present Preliminary Amendment.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 7-10, 17, and 18-20.

Please amend claims 1-6, 11, and 14-16 as follows:

1. A composition of matter selected from the group
consisting of:

a) a substantially pure or recombinant 499E9 [protein or
peptide] polypeptide exhibiting [at least about 85%]
100% sequence identity over a length of at least [about]
12 contiguous amino acids to SEQ ID NO: 2;

b) a natural sequence 499E9 of SEQ ID NO: 2; or

c) a fusion protein comprising 499E9 sequence.

2. [A substantially pure or isolated protein comprising a
segment exhibiting sequence identity to a corresponding portion of
a] The recombinant 499E9 polypeptide of Claim 1, wherein [: